



Fire



On Tuesday morning a fire broke out at a cottage at Codford, which communicated to several small tenements, occupied by poor people and also the premises of Mr Fitz, shopkeeper, all of which were burnt down, and a part of Mr Fitz's valuable stock was consumed; fortunately, however, his loss is covered by insurance; but the house (Property of a widow lady) was uninsured.

(*Salisbury and Winchester Journal*, Monday 2nd July, 1804)

On Sunday evening last, soon after eight o'clock, a fire was discovered in an out-house at the end of an empty barn, in the parish of Codford St. Peter, which, together with the latter, was soon destroyed. It is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. Fortunately it did no other damage.

(*Salisbury and Winchester Journal*, Monday 17th November, 1823)

On Saturday, the 10th inst., about 12 o'clock at noon, a large, valuable hay-rick, the property of James Slade, Esq., of Codford, was discovered to be on fire, owing to its becoming overheated. There being no water near at hand, little doubt was entertained that the whole would be consumed. Great fears were entertained for another valuable rick near it – a fact which shows that impropriety of placing them close together.

(*Salisbury and Winchester Journal*, Monday 12th September, 1836)

CODFORD ST.MARY.- Fire.- On Sunday last about 1 p.m., an alarm was raised in this parish and it was discovered that Mr C. Notley's field barn was in flames. The barn, together with a stable, two cottages and other buildings, were speedily burnt to the ground. The inmates of the cottages saved most of their furniture and fortunately Mr Notley's valuable flock of ewes and lambs were removed, or the destruction of life amongst them must have been very great. The fire broke out close to where they had been folded for some time past. Fortunately, too, no corn or any live stock were on the premises as the time. The fire was caused by a boy who was keeping birds for M Notley firing off a gun close to the farm. The lighted paper from the gun set fire to the loose straw, which of course quickly communicated with the buildings. The buildings were the property of H.G. Biggs, esq., of Stockton House and were insured. Mr Notley is also insured.

(*Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette*, Thursday 13th April, 1865)
